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SUBJECT: CARLOS VELEZ-OCON NAMED INEN DIRECTOR GENERAL

1. FOLLOWING CONTINUING LABOR UNION PROBLEMS AT SALAZAR NUCLEAR CENTER AND WEAK ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL OF NUCLEAR INSTITUTE, GOM SEVERAL WEEKS AGO SHUT DOWN NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY (INEN) AND ARMY OCCUPIED ITS FACILITIES.

2. DR. FERNANDO ALBA ANDRADE HAS NOW BEEN ASKED TO RESIGN AS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INEN AND PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA HAS APPOINTED DR. CARLOS VELEZ-OCON AS INEN DIRGEN. VELEZ HAD ONLY FEW MONTHS AGO BEEN NAMED DIRECTOR OF NEWLY CREATED INSTITUTE FOR ELECTRICITY RESEARCH (IIE) IN CUERNAVACA. NEW DIRECTOR OF IIE HAS NOT YET BEEN NAMED ALTHOUGH GUILLERMO FERNANDO DE LA GARZA OF CONACYT HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN OFFERED POSITION.

3. VELEZ PLANS THOROUGH RESTRUCTURING OF INEN WHICH MAY EVENTUALLY LEAD TO FORMATION OF THREE SEPARATE ORGANIZATIONS - LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ONE FOR NUCLEAR R&D, ONE FOR NUCLEAR SAFETY AND REGULATION,

AND THIRD FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT. DISCUSSIONS WITH UNION,
WITH OBJECT OF REOPENING NUCLEAR FACILITIES WITHIN WEEK ARE
CURRENTLY UNDERWAY. INEN PROFESSIONAL STAFF AND WORKERS
WHICH HAVE BEEN REPRESENTED BY ELECTRICAL WORKERS UNION OF CTM
(UNION REPRESENTING INDUSTRIAL WORKERS) MAY IN FUTURE BE
REPRESENTED BY PUBLIC SERVICE WORKERS UNION. LATTER REPRESENTS
CIVIL SERVANTS AND IS PROHIBITED FROM STRIKING AGAINST
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